

**AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT:**

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**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

**TELECOMMUNICATIONS NETWORKS**

82 A telecommunications network includes a service platform 46 which provides a network based call answering service available to connected telephone lines 3 of the digital network. Calls may be selectively diverted to the service platform for answering in dependence on the customer preference. Where multiple customers are present at a particular line 3 the service platform 46 is responsive to characteristics of incoming networks calls (for example calling line identity or response to prompt and collect signalling) to associate a message deposited during the same call with a particular one of the customers at that single particular line 3.

**Figure (i)**